

III. REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 14 are amended. Claims 1-14 are presented for further consideration.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35USC103(a) based on the reference Warnock, et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,634,064. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Discussion of the Cited Reference

The Examiner relies on the reference Warnock to support the rejection based on obviousness. The Examiner prefaces his remarks in support of the rejection by reminding applicant that the claim limitations are to be given their broadest interpretation within the scope of the art. The Applicant responds by reminding the Examiner that this premise does not give carte blanche permission to ignore the clear limitations of the claims. The subject claims describe a method of processing "hypertext pages". The system of Warnock does not. The subject claims describe separate navigation and read panes. The system of Warnock does not. The claims of this application describe the selection of start and end elements to define hypertext to be displayed in the read pane. The system of Warnock does not.

The cited reference Warnock describes a system by which publications may be presented in a variety of viewing modes on a display screen of a personal computer. Throughout the document only one viewing mode is available at one time. The text of the Warnock reference is primarily directed to selecting portions of

the text for linking. For example, in a newsletter having multiple articles the text of which is not presented in a contiguous manner, but is interrupted by advertisements or other articles, an article beginning on page 1 and ending on page 6 can be linked and presented in a different viewing mode as a continuous article (see column 2, lines 9-25). There is no provision for placing an overall view of a page in a navigation pane, selecting a portion of the display in the navigation pane and then presenting the selected portion in a read pane. The Examiner has either interpreted the claims of this application well beyond their broadest sense or expanded the teaching of Warnock well beyond its reasonable substance.

The reference Warnock involves the use of a full size computer screen that has the capability of displaying large amounts of text with good resolution. It would not teach a person skilled in the art with respect to solving the problem of reading internet text on a small electronic device such as cell phone.

The reference Warnock does not therefore, support the rejection based on obviousness.

The Issue of Obviousness

It is well settled that in order to establish a prima facie case for obviousness, the prior art reference (or references when combined) must teach or suggest all the claim limitations. The teaching or suggestion to make the claimed combination and the reasonable expectation of success must both be found in the prior art, without reference to the disclosure of this application.

Applicant submits that the above described deficiencies of the primary reference does not support a prima-facie case of

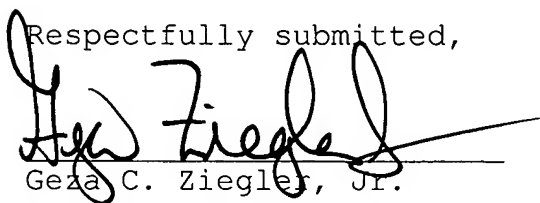
obviousness. The modification of the teachings of Warnock, in order to obtain the invention, as described in the claims submitted herein, would not have been obvious to one skilled in the art.

The above arguments apply equally to the rejected dependent claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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